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Classified By: Amb. John Beyrle for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Ambassador raised Russian action at meetings with President Parvanov and Foreign Minister Kalfin on February 12. He stressed our extensive engagement with Russia on this issue, and encouraged the GoB to support the Czech Republic and Poland. FM Kalfin suggested the Russian stance was mostly about domestic politics, which the Ambassador dismissed -- threats against NATO allies are not acceptable.

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